

## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A data playback apparatus comprising:  
a memory which has at least ~~one~~ two program data ~~folder~~ folders each containing a program composed of compressively coded data including at least one video data file, and a management data folder containing management data which include information each indicating attribute information, a playback duration, and title information concerning each program;  
a decoding unit for selecting at least one program data folder ~~with~~ by referring to the management data based on the basis of playback instruction data, which are information concerning an instruction of playback of a program; and which are input from outside ~~the said~~ apparatus, reading compressively coded data which are stored in the selected program data folder, ~~decoding the same~~ read compressively coded data, and outputting decoded data; and  
a display unit for displaying the decoded data.
2. (Currently amended) The data playback apparatus of Claim 1, wherein:  
said data playback apparatus further comprises a decryption unit which is included  
between ~~the said~~ memory and ~~the said~~ decoding unit;  
at least part of the compressively coded data is encrypted;  
the said decoding unit ~~requests~~ is operable to request compressively coded data from ~~the said~~ decryption unit; and  
the said decryption unit ~~reads~~ is operable to read the requested compressively coded data from ~~the said~~ memory, ~~carries carry~~ out decryption of the requested compressively coded data, and ~~outputs~~ output decrypted compressively coded data to ~~the said~~ decoding unit.
3. (Currently amended) The data playback apparatus of Claim 1, wherein the management data include information indicating the number of ~~the said~~ program data folders and information concerning each program data folder, the number of ~~which the~~ information concerning each program data folder being is equal to the number of the said program data folders.
4. (Currently amended) The data playback apparatus of Claim 3, wherein:

~~the said~~ decoding unit, ~~based on the basis of~~ erasure instruction data input from outside ~~the said~~ apparatus, which are information concerning an instruction of erasure of a program, ~~erases-is operable to~~

~~erase~~ the program data folder containing the program to be erased and data in the program data folder, ~~as well as~~

~~generates-generate~~ new management data in which the information indicating the number of ~~the said~~ program data folders has been updated and the information concerning the program data folder to be erased has been eliminated, and

~~replaces-replace~~ the management data stored in the management data folder with the generated management data.

5. (Currently amended) The data playback apparatus of Claim 1, wherein:

~~the said at least two program data folder contains folders each contain~~ playback control data which are information concerning a control of playback of a program respectively stored in ~~the said at least two program data folder itself, folders;~~ and

~~the said~~ decoding unit ~~reads-is operable to read~~ the compressively coded data based on ~~the basis of~~ the playback control data and ~~decodes-decode~~ the coded data.

6. (Currently amended) The data playback apparatus of Claim 1, wherein:

the management data include data protection information which is information concerning permission or inhibition of erasure of each program data folder and data in ~~the said at least two program data folder~~ folders; and

~~the said~~ decoding unit ~~receives-is operable to receive, from outside said apparatus,~~ erasure instruction data which are information concerning an instruction of erasure of a program, ~~from outside the apparatus,~~ and ~~erases-erase~~ a program data folder indicated by the erasure instruction data and data in the program data folder indicated by the erasure instruction data when the data protection information for the program data folder indicated by the erasure instruction data and the data in the program data folder shows the permission of erasure.

7. (Currently amended) The data playback apparatus of Claim 1, further comprising:

an access information storage unit for reading/writing, from/onto said memory, at least one of number-of-access information indicating the number of times that a program was played and latest access date/time information indicating a latest time when the program was played; ~~from/onto the memory~~; and

a chart creation unit for creating a chart by rearranging program data folders based on ~~the basis of~~ one of the number-of-access information and the latest access date/time information, and outputting the ~~same~~ created chart to ~~the said~~ display unit.

8. (Currently amended) The data playback apparatus of Claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ said memory is removable.